

FGDC Annual Report to OMB

Format for Agency Reports – FY 2003

The following outline should be used by FGDC Member Agencies (or Bureaus) for their Annual Spatial Data Reports, which will be consolidated by the FGDC and submitted to OMB. Reports **should be brief, using bullets where possible**. Please provide only the information that will be useful for OMB to assess the agencies' achievements and for establishing future direction.

Part A

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5. Subcommittee or Working Group Participation (Subcommittees or Working Groups your agency is involved with, but does not lead).

FGDC Cadastral Subcommittee
Eastern Cadastral Steering Committee

Western Cadastral Steering Committee
GeoSpatial One Stop
Geospatial One Stop Cadastral Modeling Advisory Team (MAT)
Geospatial One Stop Harmonization Team
Marine Boundary Working Group

6. Strategy: Has your agency prepared a detailed strategy for integrating geographic information and spatial data activities into your business process - in coordination with the FGDC strategy, pursuant to OMB Circular A-16? If yes, briefly describe.

The National Integrated Lands System (NILS) is using all applicable FGDC Standards to build Bureau-wide systems for managing landownership and land records. This system will provide the hardware and software for land related activities using standardized data.

Concurrently BLM is developing data delivery systems to provide parcel based land information in the standard format. These data delivery systems support the activities of the GeoSpatial One Stop.

Where available, BLM is integrating spatial data into program related activities such as planning, energy, fire, cadastral survey and land transaction processing (authorization, leasing, permitting etc.).

7. Compliance: How are your spatial data holdings compliant with FGDC Standards? Also, please list the FGDC Standards you are using or plan to use in your organization.

The NILS project has just completed Phase 1 of data migration that will store appropriate cadastral survey data land in FGDC compliant standard formats. Phase 2 of this effort will integrate standardized data into the workflow by of survey computations and parcel analysis.

Currently the standards that are used are:
FGDC Cadastral Data Content Standard
FGDC Geospatial Metadata Content Standard
FGDC Standard for a US National Grid
Open GIS standards for data publishing

8. Redundancy: Prior to collecting data, how does your agency ensure that the data are not already available?

The BLM has active partnerships with states, counties, and other federal agencies to share data for collection and maintenance. It is internal policy to collect and integrate the best data from all known sources in any given area such as a county.

BLM maintains a web site of counties that serve land records and cadastral information over the Internet. This is a resource for local, state,

tribal and federal agencies to check for available information prior to collection.

The BLM has active partnerships with the tribes for joint data collection and maintenance.

The BLM, MMS, and USFS work together on a continuous basis to eliminate redundant collection and maintenance. These agencies have renewed the Interagency Agreement to integrate data and sharing/use each other's data rather than recollect the data.

The BLM sponsors the Interagency Cadastral Coordination Council (ICCC) to reach out to all agencies and the private sector on standards, collection, maintenance, reporting, and institutional arrangements to assure continued coordination.

FGDC Cadastral Subcommittee communication and coordination about large data collection, maintenance, and integration efforts.

9. Collection: Do your agency contracts and grants involving data collection include costs for NSDI standards?

Yes

10. Clearinghouse: Is all the data and/or metadata that your agency is able to share with the public published on the NSDI Clearinghouse? If not, please cite barriers encountered.

Yes – The BLM and NILS maintain an active data delivery site.

11. E-Gov: How are you using geospatial data in your mission activities to provide better services? (Please list)

Geospatial data is essential to the delivery of services and to completing the work of the mission of the agency. As examples, the Geographic Coordinate Database is used as a spatial definition for land records for BLM's LR2000 system as well as numerous federal, state and local data bases/systems. By registering these legal documents to spatial framework data quality is improved. Information can also be combined from multiple sources and easily shared with tribal and non-federal partners.

Geospatial data are used in all BLM programs to some degree and the agency has made a commitment to provide access to geospatial data and GIS tools to use this data for mission activities.

12. Geospatial One-Stop: How is your agency involved in the Geospatial One-Stop?

We are currently migrating a subset of the FGDC Cadastral Data Content Standard to an ANSI standard in support of Geospatial One Stop to facilitate the exchange of spatial data.

We have representatives that regularly attend and participate in Geospatial One Stop meeting

13. Enterprise Architecture: Is geospatial data a component of your enterprise architecture? Please provide a brief summary of how geospatial data fits into your enterprise architecture.
14. Partnerships: What efforts are being taken to coordinate data and build partnerships at the field level for data collection and standards development? Identify partnerships and data sharing activities with other federal agencies, state, local, and tribal governments and other entities.

The BLM has many active and ongoing partnerships for the coordination of data collection, maintenance and integration.

GCDB has active partnerships with numerous states and counties for the collection and maintenance and delivery of GCDB data. This covers most of the western states.

Core data pilot projects – The BLM has completed projects with Montana, and Florida and is finishing projects with Carolina and Colorado for developing prototypes for sharing data and integrating it across jurisdictional boundaries.

Tribal governments – The BLM has an active program for developing collection activities with the tribes

15. Concerns or Lessons Learned: Are there areas or issues regarding spatial data that require attention, or lessons learned that you would like to share with others? Please describe.

Budget for GCDB and supporting partnerships

Partnerships are the essential element of success